

MEMORANDUM

TO: Intermediate School District Directors of Special Education
Coordinators of Medicaid Projects

FROM: Jacquelyn J. Thompson, Ph.D., Director

DATE: April 9, 2002

SUBJECT: Medicaid Bulletins – Nursing Care

At the April 10, 2002 meeting of MAISEA, Joan Deschamps of the Michigan Department of Community Health discussed the new Medical Services Administration (MSA) Bulletin regarding hourly private duty nursing care. The Bulletin pertains to Community Mental Health Services Program and is not a School Based Services Bulletin. This Bulletin does not require consultation with schools.

However, there is a need for the Department of Education to collect district data to determine future direction. Enclosed is: the Private Duty Hourly Nursing Bulletin; a questionnaire and a priority ranking form regarding one-on-one nursing care.

By May 1, 2002, please submit the requested information. Consider cost implications of a School Based Services Bulletin based on the choices proposed versus no change to the current method.

At your next MAISEA meeting we intend to discuss the data and your choices for reimbursement.

Please send the requested information to:

Mary Janice Belen
Department of Education
Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services
P. O. Box 30008
Lansing, Michigan 48909

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Enclosure

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PLEASE RETURN BY MAY 1, 2002

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Current method of pay/bill for Private Duty Nursing (one-on-one).

1. How many students in your ISD require a nurse with them during the entire time the student is in school?
Number _____
2. Who provides the nursing care to the student(s) and the financial support?
Check appropriate provider and the financially responsible party.

_____ School

_____ Parents

_____ CSHCS

_____ Medicaid Waiver

_____ Other

_____ CMHSP

If there is a combination of financial support, be specific for each student.

3. Do you have a health aide who provides any of the services to the individual student in consultation and collaboration with a private duty hourly nurse or school nurse as a private duty hourly nurse?
_____ Yes _____ No
4. What is the average yearly cost to provide one-on-one nursing care for a student in the classroom in your ISD?
\$ _____

Rank choices for one-on-one nursing care.

School districts have 4 choices for providing one-on-one nursing care for Medicaid enrolled students. Please select and prioritize your choices with 1 as highest.

- _____ Continue as currently providing nursing services and bill Medicaid for specific nursing services
- _____ Identify a private duty nurse agency, negotiate for needed service and school pays agency and bills Medicaid
- _____ Have school nurse become Medicaid enrolled as private duty hourly nurse and bill Medicaid for the approved hours
- _____ School could employ health aide to provide consistent, regular health services to 1 or 2 students, the school nurse provides the skilled care and school pays for health aide and bills Medicaid for skilled nursing services